

1 **Amendment to the Claims**

2 **In the Claims:**

3 Please amend Claims 1, 7, 11 and 23 as follows:

4 1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for ~~validating~~ determining  
5 whether information in an electronic document should be updated, comprising the steps of:

6 identifying a string having a unique identifier associated with the string;  
7 after the step of identifying, creating a request for information associated with the  
8 unique identifier;

9 upon creation of the request, selecting a reference material source based on the unique  
10 identifier, wherein the reference material source ~~that contains~~ includes the information associated  
11 with the unique identifier;

12 accessing the selected reference material source to obtain the information associated  
13 with the unique identifier; and

14 after the step of accessing, automatically comparing the information associated with  
15 the unique identifier to the string to determine whether the string ~~is valid~~ should be updated with the  
16 information associated with the unique identifier.

17 2. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of comparing the  
18 information associated with the unique identifier to the string to determine whether the string is valid,  
19 comprises the steps of:

20 if the information associated with the unique identifier matches the string, then  
21 determining that the string is valid; and

22 otherwise, determining that the information associated with the unique identifier  
23 updates the string.

24 3. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of identifying a string  
25 having a unique identifier associated with the string comprises the step of:

26 searching the electronic document for strings having unique identifiers when the  
27 electronic document is opened.

28 4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the string is a name and the selected reference  
29 material source is an address book.

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1           5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the string is an address and the selected  
2 reference material source is an address book.

3           6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the string is a value associated with a stock  
4 symbol and the selected reference material source is a real time stock quote.

5           7. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for providing reference material,  
6 comprising the steps of:

7                   receiving a request for a selected reference material;

8                   determining that an identity of a user of the selected reference material is relevant to  
9 the selected reference material[[:]], and if so:

10                   creating a request for information requesting the selected reference material  
11 and identifying the user;

12                   upon creation of the request, selecting a reference material source based upon  
13 the request for information;

14                   accessing the selected reference material source to obtain the selected  
15 reference material; and

16                   after the step of accessing, providing the selected reference material in a  
17 manner that is relevant to the identified user.

18           8. (Original) The method of Claim 7, wherein the selected reference material is a set of  
19 directions and wherein providing the selected reference material comprises:

20                   providing the set of directions so that the directions begin with the identified user's  
21 location.

22           9. (Original) The method of Claim 7, wherein the selected reference material source is one of  
23 a plurality of reference material sources, and at least one of the reference material sources is a remote  
24 server.

25           10. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 7, further comprising the step of accessing  
26 the selected reference material source via a network.

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1 11. (Currently Amended) A system for integrating reference material into an electronic  
2 document, comprising:

3 an application program for creating the electronic document and creating a request for  
4 information to obtain a selected reference material, wherein the electronic document comprises a  
5 string having a unique identifier associated with the string, and wherein the request for information  
6 comprises the unique identifier;

7 a reference engine for receiving the request for information from the application  
8 program, selecting one of a plurality of reference material sources based upon the request for  
9 information, and accessing the selected reference material source to obtain the selected reference  
10 material; and

11 the plurality of reference material sources for providing the reference material.

12 12. (Canceled)

13 13. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 11, wherein the application program  
14 compares the selected reference material with the string to determine whether the string is valid.

15 14. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein a user's identity is relevant to the request for  
16 information, and wherein the request for information comprises an identifier for the user.

17 15. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein the request for information includes a  
18 selected word and a request for a definition of the word.

19 16. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein the application program is a word  
20 processing program having a selected language, and wherein the request for information comprises  
21 an identifier for the selected language.

22 17. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein one of the plurality of reference material  
23 sources is a dictionary in a first language and another one of the plurality of reference material  
24 sources is a dictionary in a second language.

25 18. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein one of the plurality of reference material  
26 sources is an address book associated with an electronic mail application program.

27 19. (Original) The method of Claim 18, wherein the request for information comprises a  
28 unique identifier associated with an entry in the address book, and wherein the reference engine  
29 selects the address book as the selected reference material source based upon the unique identifier.

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1           20. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein the request for information comprises key  
2 words summarizing the content of the electronic document.

3           21. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein one of the plurality of reference material  
4 sources is a remote server.

5           22. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein one of the plurality of reference material  
6 sources is accessed via a network.

7           23. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for integrating a dictionary into  
8 a user interface of an application program, comprising the steps of:

9                 integrating a dictionary into an application program so that in response to a selection  
10 of a dictionary control provided in the user interface of the application program, ~~displaying~~ a  
11 dictionary interface is displayed on a display device;

12                 receiving a request for a selected word;

13                 creating a request for a definition of the selected word;

14                 based upon the request for a definition, selecting a dictionary file;

15                 upon selection of the dictionary file, accessing the dictionary file to obtain the  
16 definition of the selected word; and

17                 providing the definition of the selected word so that the definition is displayed in the  
18 dictionary interface.

19           24. (Original) The method of Claim 23, wherein receiving a request for a selected word  
20 comprises:

21                 receiving the selected word via the dictionary interface.

22           25. (Original) The method of Claim 23, wherein the dictionary interface includes a language  
23 control and wherein receiving a request for a selected word comprises:

24                 receiving a selected language via the dictionary interface.

25           26. (Original) The method of Claim 23, wherein the dictionary interface includes a language  
26 control and wherein selecting a dictionary file comprises:

27                 selecting a dictionary file associated with a language specified by the language control.  
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